देशवार आंकड़े वाणिज्यिक जानकारी एवं सांख्यिकी महानिदेशालय, कलकत्ता द्वारा प्रकाशित मासिक बुलेटिन/वार्षिक अंकों में उपलब्ध हैं जिनकी प्रतियां संसद पुस्तकालय में उपलब्ध हैं ।

Export of Floriculture Items

6759. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of floriculture items being exported without any restrictions at present;

(b) the foreign exchange earnings by export of such items; and

(c) the details of other variety of floricultural items that Government are considering to allow for export without licence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Export of all floriculture items such as cut flowers, live plants, foliage, bulbs and tubers is allowed without any restriction except those which are covered by SI. No. 3, Part I, Chapter XVI of the Export Import Policy for 1992—97 (as amended upto 31st March, 1995).

(b) Value of floriculture items exported during the years 1993-94, and 1994-95 (April—November) are as under:—

	(In Rs. Lakh)	
	1993-94	1994-95 (April-Nov.)
Cut Flowers Fresh .	99.64	61.74
Dried Flowers .	1092.13	1310.41
Live Plants . .	243.97	161.12
Dried Plants . .	298.38	38.12
Bulbs & Tubers .	149.53	34.08
TOTAL :	1883.65	1605.47

(Source : DGCI & S, Calcutta)

(c) Trade Policy review is an on going exercise. As and when Govt. takes a decision with respect to any item, it will be notified to the public.

Steps taken to reduce Litigation in ITPO

6760. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question No. 467 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 1995 and state what steps have been taken to make the ITPO a less litigious organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): The following steps have been taken to reduce litigation in ITPO :—

(i) Welfare & Grievances Officer has been appointed.

(ii) Opportunity is given for constant interaction between Management and the Employees' Union and Officers' Association.

(iii) The Joint Consultative Machinery between Management and staff of ITPO also looks into various grievances from time to time.

Exports of Indian Footwear

6761. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Times of India, dated the 24th April, 1995 under the caption "India way behind in leather exports";

(b) if so, the reasons for which the Indian footwear industry is lagging far behind its chinese counterpart in the world leather trade market as China exports about 300 million pairs of shoes annually whereas India exports a little over 18 million pairs; and

(c) the efforts being made to augment export of Indian footwear?